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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Snow,

I'm writing to tell you of my opposition to the building of more dams on California's rivers. The export of Northern California's water is wrong, and deprives San Francisco Bay of the necessary flushing action to maintain the barest of natural habitat. Exporting water and then subsidizing the mostly corporate farms that use our water is wrong.

Ground water storage is a viable alternative. This could be used to increase both the open-space areas and the delta areas. Building dams may benefit local areas for a short time economically, during the construction phase. Longer for the residents benefiting from tourism, sometimes. But it also costs the general population of California by reducing the biodiversity of the natural occurring organisms. I spend money to fish local streams and rivers. Building dams will just concentrate the fishing pressure, and the tourist's dollars in one area.

Please write and explain to me why I, as one who enjoys the wild rivers of California, have to pay for something I don't want. Federal dollars may be free to some; but they must come from somewhere.

Thank you for your attention to this letter, and my advise on how I want my money spent.

Sincerely,



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